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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MEETING AUGUST 19 (SALT TWO-732)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING SEMENOV FORMALLY TABLED LANGUAGE FOR PAR. 1 ARTICLE III (2,400 AGGREGATE) IDENTICAL TO THAT HE HAD GIVEN ME IN OUR PRIVATE MEETING ON AUGUST 15, TOGETHER WITH NEW LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE XII, WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WHICH WOULD BE IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBERS SPECIFIED IN THIS AGREEMENT AS WELL AS STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS PROHIBITED BY THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE DISMANTLED OR DESTROYED WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS SINCE THE EXPIRATION OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS OF MAY 26, 1972 UNDER PROCEDURES AGREED UPON IN THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION. UNQUOTE HE ALSO MADE PLENARY STATEMENT REJECTING OUR PROPOSAL FOR PAR. 3 OF ARTICLE XVII (VERIFICATION) WHICH FOLLOWED SAME GENERAL LINE AS HIS STATEMENT TO ME IN PRIVATE MEETING ON AUGUST 15, EXCEPT IT WAS SOMEWHAT LESS ASTRINGENT. AS I HAD OPENED MEETING WITH STATEMENT ON SAME SUBJECT, I SAID AT END OF HIS STATEMENT THAT THEIR POSITION

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ON THIS APPEARED TO BE BASED UPON MISUNDERSTANDING OF US

POSITION AND I HOPED THAT MY STATEMENT TODAY WOULD BE HELPFUL IN REMOVING ANY SUCH MISUNDERSTANDINGS. I SAID THAT WE WERE INTERESTED IN SUBSTANCE RATHER THAN EXACT LANGUAGE AND IF THEY DESIRED WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS LANGUAGE THAT WOULD PERHAPS BETTER EXPRESS THE SUBSTANCE.

2. IN OUR PRIVATE MEETING I SAID THAT LANGUAGE WHICH HE HAD INTRODUCED TODAY ON ARTICLE XII SEEMED TO ME TO RELATE TO SUBJECT THAT I HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH HIM, THAT IS, WHEN NEW AGREEMENT COMES INTO EFFECT AND WHETHER PORTIONS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH I.A. COULD COME INTO EFFECT PRIOR TO OCTOBER 3, 1977. I SAID THAT IT SEEMED TO ME THAT THEIR LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE XII IMPLIED THAT AT LEAST THE SCC PROVISIONS FOR AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES FOR DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION WOULD HAVE TO COME INTO EFFECT PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1977, BUT THAT BY INCLUDING PROHIBITING ARMS UNDER 12-MONTHS PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1977 FOR DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION APPEARED TO BE SAYING THAT AGREEMENT ON BANNED ARMS (AND IMPLIEDLY 2,400) WOULD NOT COME INTO EFFECT UNTIL OCTOBER 1978. IN REPLY HE SAID THAT THEIR PROPOSAL TODAY DID NOT SEEK IN ANY WAY TO DEAL WITH QUESTION OF SOME PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT COMING INTO EFFECT PRIOR TO OCTOBER 77 AND THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. I NOTED THAT HE ALSO STILL OWES ME REPLIES ON SILO ENLARGEMENT, SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS, SUBPARA (C) OF OUR RELOAD PROPOSAL AND FOBS. HE NOTED, AND I AGREED, THAT I HAD NOT YET DEALT WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF ARTICLE X (BANNED SYSTEMS) AND ARTICLE IX. IN RESPONSE TO HIS STATEMENT THAT I HAD ALSO NOT RESPONDED ON THEIR PROPOSAL ON ARTICLE II (DEFINITIONS), I SAID I WAS NOT CLEAR ON WHAT HE HAD IN MIND, AS BOTH I AND GENERAL ROWNY MADE STATEMENT ON SUBJECT AT AUGUST 5 MEETING. IN CONNECTION WITH DEFINITION ARTICLE, I NOTED THAT I HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD HIM THAT I WAS ANTICIPATING THAT HE MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING FURTHER TO SAY ABOUT PAR. 9 (HEAVY ICBM DEFINITION) AND WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS IT WITH HIM AT SUCH TIME AS HE HAD INSTRUCTION ON SUBJECT. IN REPLY TO HIS QUESTION, I SAID THAT I WAS NOT MAKING AGREEMENT ON OTHER PARAS IN DEFINITION ARTICLE CONDITIONAL UPON AGREEMENT ON PARA 9, BUT OBVIOUSLY THEY WERE ALL PART OF THE SAME ARTICLE.

3. IN HIS BILATERAL WITH KLOSSON AND EARLE, KARPOV SAID THAT INCLUSION OF WORD "DEVELOPMENT" IN OUR PROPOSAL ON ARTICLE XVII
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WAS THE BASIS FOR THEIR CLAIM THAT WE WERE SEEKING TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO THEIR LABORATORIES. KARPOV SAID THAT HE AGREED THAT "CONCEALMENT OF TESTING OF PERMITTED SYSTEMS" WOULD UNDER THE SOVIET DRAFT BE A VIOLATION. IN THEIR BILATERAL WITH ROWNY, BELETISKY AND TRUSOV FOLLOWED UP AND REINFORCED SEMENOV'S STATEMENT AT TODAY'S PLENARY. SEE HIGHLIGHTS CABLE FOR DETAILS BOTH CONVERSATIONS.

4. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 22. JOHNSON

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